

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

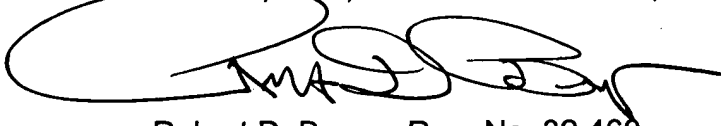
By the foregoing amendment, Applicant has replaced the objected-to abbreviations in the claims with the corresponding definitions for those abbreviations as set forth in the originally filed specification. Additionally, in claims 4 and 25, the term "moderate heat" has been replaced with specified temperatures as disclosed in the specification (see, for example, page 3, line 21). On the basis of these amendments, all grounds for rejection stated under 35 U.S.C. §112 have been overcome.

Also, claims 25-28 have been cancelled, without prejudice, the limitation of allowed dependent claim 9 has been amended into independent claim 1, claim 9 has been cancelled and claim 10 has been amended to depend from independent claim 1 rather than canceled claim 9. On the basis of these amendments, all grounds for rejection stated under 35 U.S.C. §102 or 103 have been overcome.

Accordingly, all grounds for rejection have now been overcome and claims 1-8 and 10-24 are in condition for allowance in accordance with the allowability stated in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the office action. Issuance of a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,
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